

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-18 are pending in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Section 101 rejection. Claim 1 was rejected under section 101. Claim 1, as amended, clearly sets forth a useful, concrete and tangible result. An ID is programmed into the camera, which is a physical result. Commands are sent to the camera, which is a physical result. Accordingly, this rejection is believed to be overcome.

Section 103 rejection, Chen and Prehn.

Chen and Prehn do not show the invention as set forth in claim 1, as amended. In particular, Chen describes communications with a "mobile service platform" which acts as an intermediary between a user and the devices communicated with. Although buddy names are described in paragraph 0043, this is for a buddy of the mobile service platform. The user still communicates with the Mobile Service Platform, which then communicates with the device. The present invention, on the other hand, allows direct communication with a camera through an IM service. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify this.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to add "by registering a unique login with the instant messenger service for the camera, and programming the unique login into the camera." In addition to allowing direct communication with the camera, this sets forth that the login is programmed into the camera. This is not shown or suggested in Chen or Phren.

Claim 1 has also been amended to set forth "sending messages to the camera over the network over the instant messenger service; and

converting said messages into commands for said camera." This conversion of messages into commands is also not shown by Chen or Phren. This does not add new matter, as it is described, for example, in paragraph 0012 of the present application.

Claim 10 has been amended to add "by registering a unique login with the instant messenger service for the camera." Claim 10 has also been amended to add "so that direct

communication with the camera through the instant messenger service is possible."

Accordingly, claim 10 is believe allowable for similar reasons.

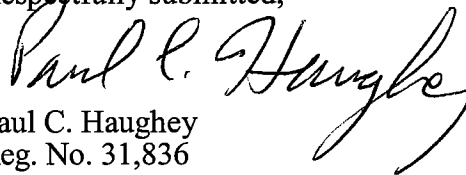
Claim 13 has been similarly amended, and is thus believed allowable for similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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